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FM AMEMBASSY SANAA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3065

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: INAUGURATION OF AEROFLOT SERVICE TO SANAA

BEIRUT FOR RCAA

1. AEROFLOT, IN A CEREMONY HELD AT SANAA AIRPORT DECEMBER 8, INAUGURATED SERVICE TO SANAA, REPLACING ITS PREVIOUS STOP IN HODEIDA. SOVIET DELEGATION HEADED BY AEROFLOT'S DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ATTENDED CEREMONY. ACCORDING TO SOVIET EMBASSY, ROUTE WILL BE MOSCOW-CAIRO-SANAA-ADEN-MOGADISCIO AND RETURN VIA SAME STOPS. (ONLY CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS ROUTING IS SUBSTITUTION OF SANAA FOR HODEIDA.) IT WILL OPERATE ONCE WEEKLY ON SATURDAYS. AT PRESENT AEROFLOT IS SERVING ROUTE WITH IL-18, BUT PLANS TO SWITCH TO NEWER TU-154 IN SUMMER OF 1974. IT HAS UPGRADED LOCAL REPRESENTATION FROM TRAVEL AGENT TO OWN OFFICE WITH RUSSIAN MANAGER.

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2. COMMENT: CHANGE DUE TO COMBINATION OPENING NEW

WEST GERMAN BUILT AIRPORT IN SANAA IN LATE SEPTEMBER
AND CLOSURE HODEIDA AIRPORT TO ALL BUT YEMEN AIRWAYS
CORPORATION'S DEC-3S AND DC-6S DUE TO RUNWAY DETERIORATION.
ALTHOUGH SANAA NOW SERVED ONCE WEEKLY BY ETHIOPIAN AIR-
LINES TO ASMARA AND ADDIS ABABA, AND SAUDIA FOUR TIMES
WEEKLY TO JIDDA (IN ADDITION YAC NON-IATA FLIGHTS TO
ASMARA, JIDDA, CAIRO AND DUBAI), WE EXPECT NEW SERVICE
BY AEROFLOT TO BE POPULAR, SINCE IT WILL OFFER DIRECT
SERVICE TO CAIRO WITHOUT COMPLICATED STOPOVER IN
JIDDA AND PRESUMABLY WITH MUCH GREATER RELIABILITY
THAN ERRATIC YAC SERVICE.
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